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“REACTION VESSELS, A SET OF SUCH  
VESSELS, AND AN IMMUNOLOGICAL  
ASSAY METHOD AND APPARATUS  
IMPLEMENTING SUCH SETS OF VESSELS”

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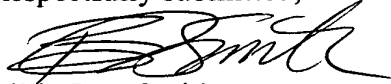
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